

I want to commend the White House spokesman for publicly admonishing Mr. Robert Bennett, the attorney representing President Clinton and Harry Thomason for continuing the administration's attack on Mr. Dale and his colleagues. I wrote the President asking him to call off his attack squad and that now seems to be happening.

The White House spokesman also indicated that the President will sign this legislation. I anticipate these bills will pass both Chambers relatively quickly.

I am pleased to introduce this bill on behalf of the seven Travel Office employees. They served their country for many years with pride, integrity, and ethics. All of these characteristics are essential if we ever hope to restore people's faith in their Government.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN LEGAL EXPENSES AND RELATED FEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay, from amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as are necessary to reimburse former employees of the White House Travel Office whose employment in that Office was terminated on May 19, 1993, for any legal expenses and related fees they incurred with respect to that termination.

(b) VERIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall pay an individual in full under subsection (a) upon submission by the individual of documentation verifying the legal expenses and related fees.

(c) NO INFERENCE OF LIABILITY.—Liability of the United States shall not be inferred from enactment of or payment under this section.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND UNFRIENDLY FOREIGN POLICY IN INDIA

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, India recently celebrated the anniversary of the adoption of its constitution. While I applaud India's embrace of democratic principles, we should not overlook India's brutal repression of Sikhs, Christians, and Muslims. India and the United States should be friends, but our friendship will become increasingly strained unless India starts to practice the democratic values it claims.

Also troubling are India's testing of the Prithvi-II missile. The missile's 156-mile range is a clear threat to Pakistan. In context of this blatant intimidation of Pakistan, India's desire to test another nuclear device can only be seen as an extension of its threats to Pakistan. I share India's suspicion of China's regional intentions, but that mutual suspicion does not give it leeway to threaten force against its other neighbors.

According to the United States State Department the Indian Government paid over 41,000 cash bounties to police officers for the killing of Sikhs since 1991. Sikhs are not the only victims of India's state terrorism. In addition to the estimated 150,000 Sikhs who have

been murdered by the Indian Government since 1984, tens of thousands of Christians and Muslims have also been killed. In fact, all non-Hindus are at risk, of oppression in India. If India is "the world's largest democracy," as it claims to be, then how can it pile up such a gruesome death toll? If India respects the human rights of the people who live in India, why do so many citizens of India want to get out from under Indian rule?

I have criticized the absence of religious freedom in Burma, Vietnam, China, and other totalitarian countries. India's record does not seem much better. Just this week, the Indian Government jailed an 88-year-old Catholic priest and a 50-year-old nun on charges of violating a law outlawing religious conversion.

Beyond India's systematic abuse of human rights in Kashmir, Nagaland, and Khalistan, I am deeply concerned with India's growing negative role in Afghanistan. India's support for the Rabbani regime in Kabul troubles me because of Mr. Rabbani's rejection of efforts to return Afghanistan to peace. I have proposed that former King Zahir Shah serve as a transitional Head of State of Afghanistan while the Afghan people write a constitution, organize elections, and ultimately, establish a peaceful and democratic Afghanistan. Unfortunately, Mr. Rabbani has opposed this possible solution in favor of continued fighting and chaos. Indian's support for Rabbani makes him less likely to accept reasonable efforts to end Afghanistan's bloodshed.

India should be our friend. But, Mr. Speaker, the more we learn about India, the harder that friendship will be to sustain.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS FRANCIS CORCORAN

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to inform my colleagues in the House of Representatives of the recent death of Thomas Francis Corcoran of Ottawa, IL, at the age of 86. Through his son, former Illinois Congressman Tom Corcoran, I first became acquainted with the late Mr. Corcoran many years ago. He was a true man of the land, loved and respected by all who knew him. Moreover, he was representative of the hard working, honest, good men and women who farm our Nation's fields to produce food for our own people and others around the world.

One of the privileges of serving in Congress is meeting America's unsung heroes, either in our congressional district or across this great country of ours. Thomas Francis Corcoran was one of those unsung heroes.

Mr. Corcoran's grandson, Evan, worked on the staff of our friend and colleague from Virginia, Mr. WOLF, and he served on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee before becoming an assistant U.S. attorney here in Washington. In the eloquent eulogy which follows, given by his grandson, Evan, at the funeral on December 9, 1995, we are reminded once again about the everyday greatness of our people and therefore the greatness of our country.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the following Corcoran eulogy to my colleagues:

THOMAS FRANCIS CORCORAN

What better place is there in the world when you are 11 years old on a sunny summer afternoon than to be at your grandfather's side, in a field, mending fences? What better place to learn what is valuable in life? My brothers and sisters and I learned many lessons from Thomas Francis Corcoran when we lived on the family farm just outside of Ottawa.

We learned not by being told—for Grandpa was a man who chose his words carefully, and used them sparingly—but by observing. He taught by example. We saw his quiet dignity, his discipline, his economy, and his honesty. We saw a man at peace with himself and with the world. He gave unqualified love, a love my sister Camilla described yesterday as the purest she had encountered. He left an enduring imprint.

Thomas Francis Corcoran was a lifelong farmer. He loved the land. He was in concert with the great silent forces that shape the world. His work connected him with his community and with the world. He came from a time when you would call your neighbors in the evening and say, "The crops are in, be here early." And the men would come and work in the fields until lunch. There would be two tables set up outside, and after washing at the pump, they would try to sit down at the first table, because there were some great eaters in that crowd and you could not be sure that the food would hold out. At the end of the day no money would change hands.

He took pride in the visible return that the earth makes for labor. He took pride in passing the land on to the next generation, when his son returned to farm. At the end of each season, he had increased the stock and store of the world. And today, at the close of his final season, he has added to the storehouse of memories of each of us.

Grandpa was a strong man, who did hard physical labor all his life. In recent years the time had taken a toll. One of his great loves was training and racing horses. Remember that in a race the horse and jockey do not stop when they reach the line; there is a little canter before reaching a standstill. It is then that the jockey hears the cheers of the crowd, and thinks back on the race just run. I like to think that Grandpa was in a canter these last years; and special thanks is due to those who on a daily basis cared for him and gave him cheer.

Thomas Francis Corcoran was not a man of sorrow, he was a man of great humor. He never spoke a harsh word to anyone, and never lost his smile. He would not think it inappropriate to have humor at a funeral. His humor gave him strength and stability to meet the challenges life presents. A story illustrates the point.

One day in late summer when I was 11 and my brother Phil 10, we worked an afternoon with Grandpa and there came a time when we needed to return a small tractor to a shed, some distance away. Always encouraging us, Grandpa asked Phil if he knew how to drive the tractor. Phil, always eager to please his grandfather, said "Yes." Well we started off down the narrow lane with Phil on the tractor and Grandpa and me in the truck behind. I watched first with amusement, then with concern, as the tractor began to pick up speed. It began to go faster and faster, and as it did it moved from one side of the lane, bounded by a field of corn, to the other, bounded by a fence, and back and forth again. Well eventually the tractor took out a couple of rows of corn for a distance and then came to rest against the fence. We stopped and Grandpa walked over to Phil. With not a hint of anger in his voice, he said, "I thought you said you knew how

to drive it." Phil replied, "I know how to drive it Grandpa. I just don't know how to stop." Well, Grandpa just loved that. He would appreciate the humor in life.

Grandpa was a man who, in his own humble way, walked with God. When he drove a combine into a new field, he would make the sign of the cross. He is with God now. The monument to Thomas Francis Corcoran is his contribution to our collective spirit, his place in the hearts and minds of the family and friends and neighbors gathered here in prayer. In a world where so many forces work to keep us all apart, memories of him bind us together. What greater legacy from a decent and a fine man.

M. EVAN CORCORAN,
Ottawa, IL.

HONORING THREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to your attention three Georgia high school championship football teams from my district. T.W. Josey High School won the group AAA championship. The Eagles were undefeated, going 15-0 under Coach John Starr. Elbert County High School won the group AA championship. The Blue Devils finished the year 14-1 under Coach Tom McFerrin. Lincoln County High School won the group A championship. The Red Devils were undefeated, going 15-0 under Coach Larry Campbell. I am very proud of the efforts of these young men, their coaches, teachers, and the communities that supported them. They are a credit to the State of Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to herald the accomplishments of these three champions.

SALUTING COACH NEAL QUILLIN AND THE HUMBLE WILDCATS ON ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the 1995 football season was yet another outstanding season for the Humble High School Wildcats. The same "experts" who predicted that Humble would finish seventh in their district in 1994—only to see them win the District 21-5A championship—were again proven wrong last year. Humble, predicted to finish fifth in their district in 1995, instead fought their way to a 9-4-2 record, ending their season in a Division II state semi-final game.

Coach Neal Quillin and the members of the Humble Wildcats football team have earned the gratitude of their community and fans, and have earned the respect not only of their opponents, but of high school football "experts" as well. As an Humble native, and a graduate of Humble High School, I want to take a moment to salute the remarkable success of the Humble High School Wildcat football team this past season.

The Wildcats began the 1995 season on a low note—a 24-21 loss to Baytown Sterling,

before recovering to defeat Katy Taylor 27-23. A narrow 21-20 loss to Westfield followed before the Wildcats defeated MacArthur 28-7; defeated Aldine 26-7; tied Spring 24-24; and defeated Kingwood 20-3.

Next, Humble lost to Eisenhower 42-20—putting the Wildcats in a must-win situation to secure a playoff spot. The Wildcats were up to the challenge; in their regular-season finale, they defeated Nimitz 23-7, winning a place in post-season play.

In the playoffs, the Wildcats, and their coaching staff, showed what they were made of. They defeated Baytown Lee 17-14, overcoming the area's number one-ranked offense. Next, they tied Texas City 21-21, before going on to defeat Madison 20-7, and Elkins, 9-5.

While the Wildcats' 17-7 loss to San Antonio Roosevelt was disappointing, Humble's players and coaching staff demonstrated last year what they demonstrated the year before: that the experts' mediocre expectations can be exceeded through hard work, dedication, teamwork and planning.

In addition, to the outstanding record compiled last year by the Wildcats, I want to point out that last year's season also saw Coach Quillin achieve his 100th career victory—a testament to his coaching skills.

In the Wildcats' third-round playoff game against Madison, the 17-5A champions—a game held in Houston Astrodome—Humble quarterback Steve O'Neill showed just how talented he is. In that game, O'Neill passed for 92 yards, rushed for 141 yards, and caught two critical passes. His performance in that game impressed even those who were already familiar with his playing skills earlier in the season.

While those of us who cheer for the Humble Wildcats were disappointed by their loss to San Antonio Roosevelt, we remember that during their five-game playoff run, the Wildcats won bidistrict, area and regional championships. And that's not bad for a team picked to finish fifth in their district!

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to do this little hometown boasting. I know you join with me in congratulating the Humble Wildcats and their coaching staff on a truly remarkable 1995 football season, and in wishing them continued success on an off the field in the years ahead. They have made all of us proud of their accomplishments, and to them we say "thank you."

SMALL BUSINESS EXPORT WORK- ING CAPITAL ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, as a small businessman, I am acutely aware of the fact that small businesses are the engines that drive our Nation's economy. I also recognize that these businesses often need assistance so that they can expand and increase employment.

As part of their efforts to expand, many small businesses have begun to recognize the potential of markets outside of the United States. In fact, the percentage of small firms involved in exporting is projected to increase

from 23 percent to 33 percent by the year 2005. Realizing the potential of foreign markets, delegates to the White House Conference on Small Business recommended that the Federal Government provide export assistance to small businesses, and make export finance more available to these firms through Federal guarantees.

Currently, the Small Business Administration has a short-term financing program for export transactions. The SBA's Export Working Capital Program, which works in conjunction with the Export-Import Bank, provides loan guarantees to finance small business exports. Until last year, the SBA and the Eximbank harmonized their export loan programs to ensure that all borrowers would have the same loan terms. Both provided a 90 percent guarantee rate on loans. Businesses seeking to borrow less than \$750,000 would apply for an SBA guaranty. Those seeking more than \$750,000 would deal with the Eximbank. Unfortunately, the SBA guarantee rate was reduced in small business legislation we enacted last year. As a result, a disparity has been created between the guarantee rate offered to small businesses by the SBA, and the rate offered to larger businesses by the Eximbank. This will likely have a chilling effect on small business lenders who will have to incur greater risk in financing small business exports.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am introducing legislation today to restore the 90 percent guarantee rate for small businesses who finance their export transactions through the SBA's Export Working Capital Program. My bill will place small businesses back on a level playing field with larger businesses. This is only fair.

Exporting can be a very lucrative business for many of these firms. It's also beneficial for our Nation's economy. The Labor Department Estimates that for every \$1 billion in increased trade, 20,000 manufacturing jobs and 40,000-60,000 service and support jobs are created. Moreover, wages are 22 percent higher on exported goods.

I don't believe anyone in this Chamber would intentionally discriminate against small businesses who wish to export their products. That is why it is important that we restore the 90 percent guaranty rate to the Export Working Capital Program.

The SBA has been invaluable in helping small businesses enter international markets. Nationally, exporters received a total of 1,161 loan from the SBA for more than \$481 million in fiscal year 1994. It is imperative that we continue to help the SBA help on small businesses through the Export Working Capital Program. I urge my colleagues to show their support for small business exports by cosponsoring this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARMSTRONG WORLD INDUSTRIES OF MARIETTA

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, last April, Americans were horrified by the image of a bombed-out courthouse in Oklahoma City. We prayed that the tired heroes working day and night in the rubble would find more victims